



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Health Department**

Date: March 17, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR COMMUNITY APPROACHES TO REDUCING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 3-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for an amount not to exceed \$750,000, beginning September 1, 2014. The purpose of the grant is to develop multi-sector partnerships to promote sexual health, advance community wellness, influence sexual health behavior and practices and reduce STD disparities.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$750,000

Background/Supporting Information Attached

While the city of Minneapolis has experienced an overall decline in gonorrhea rates, there continues to be a steady increase in chlamydia rates for people aged 15-44 years. Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have enormous health and economic consequences for individuals and communities. MHD proposes to partner with community-based clinics, youth-serving organizations and community residents to develop a broad community informed strategy to increase awareness and improve access to needed services to address and reduce the incidence of STDs in Minneapolis. The program will address five areas: community engagement, policy/systems environmental change, enhancement and sustainability of partnerships, communication and evaluation.